ported edible oils have been made to States and UTs in the last few months.

State Governments have been urged to effectively monitor prices and availability of essential commodities, improve the functioning of Public Distribution System and tighten up enforcement measures against hoarders, blackmarketeers, etc. Information received indicates that State Govts. have generally taken steps in this direction.

Several meetings with representatives of trade and industry have been held with a view to contain/reduce prices of essential commodities and to improve their supply. As a result, manufacturers have agreed to reduce or refrain from increasing the prices of some commodities, such as vanaspati, soap, tea, maida tnd butter.

Recruitment of Engineering Assistants

1395. SHRI NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact without properly notifying the vacancies to the Employment Exchanges of North-East Region the Chief Engineer (AIR); Eastern zone of Calcutta, has completed the recruitment of Engineering Assistants by holding interview in the months of last February and June, 1987;

(b) whether there were some candidates from Guwahati;

(c) if so, what was the number; and

(d) whether Government propose to hold a fresh interview and for that matter to notify the vacancies in newspapers including the newspapers from Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir As per Government rules, requisition for the post of Engineering Assistants was sent to the Central Employment Exchange, New Delhi. However, copeis were also endorsed to all the Employment Exchanges in the Eastern Region.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

Hostles for SC Girls in Rajasthan

1396. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for the construction of hostels for the Scheduled Caste girl students in Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI): (a) and (b) An amount of Rs. 2.78 lakhs was recently sanctioned to the Government of Rajasthan as Central share under the Scheme for the construction of SC|ST girls hostels. This includes the amount for a hostel for girls belonging to Scheduled Castes, at Kesarisinghpur in Ganganagar District during 1987-88.

गांवों के इर्द गिर्द के वातावरण को प्रदूषण मुक्त बनाने के उपाय

1397. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :** क्या कृषि मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या यह सच है कि गांवों की सडकें, गलियां और गांवों के पीछे का 90 प्रतिशत खुला स्थान खुले शौचालय के रुप में इस्तेमाल किया जाता है जिस्से वह क्षेत्र कीचड़ भरा हो जाता है और वहां गन्दगी के सड़ने पर वातावरण भी दूषित हो जाता है;

(ख) क्या सरकार इस परिपाटी को समाप्त करने की व्यवस्था करने का विचार रखती है या ऐसी व्यवस्था केवल नगरों तक ही सीमित है;